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**CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Attorney Docket No.:	01001
Inventor(s):	Maxwell et al.
Title:	SAMPLE CONTACT PLATE WITH LATCHABLE COVER
Examiner:	Unassigned
Group:	Unassigned

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS** (See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents)

- [X] 1. 9 pages of Specification, 4 pages of Claims (# of claims: 20) & Abstract;
- [X] 2. Drawings (35 USC 113)  
Total Number of Figures: 6  
Total Number of Sheets: 5
- [X] 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney  
[ ] a. Newly executed (original or copy)  
[X] b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
- [X] 4. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[X] 5. Preliminary Amendment (canceling Claims 2, 3, 17 – 20).

[X] 6. Fee Transmittal (see below)

THE FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:						
	Claims Filed		Extra		SMALL	LARGE
Total Claims	14	Minus 20		X	\$ 370.00	\$ 740.00
Independent	2	Minus 03		X	\$ 9.00	\$ 18.00
( ) Multiple dependent claim fee				+	\$ 42.00	\$ 84.00
					\$ 140.00	\$ 280.00
FILING FEE TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-0364:						\$ 740.00

[ ] 7. Small Entity Statement

[ ] Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired.

[ ] 8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449

[ ] Including copies of IDS citations (refs.)

[ ] 9. Certified Copy(ies) of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) were received in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, of this application

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[X] 10. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

[X] Continuation [ ] Divisional [ ] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of prior application No. 10/178,422 filed on June 24, 2002

Prior application information: Examiner: D. Redding Group: 1744

[X] 11. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)

[X] 12. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-mentioned fees associated with the filing of this paper and any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0364.

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b. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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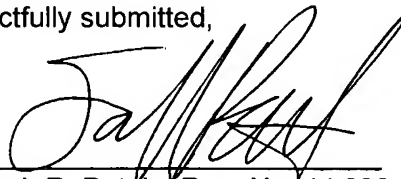
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- ☐ 14. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing  
☐ Paper copy of the Sequence Listing  
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
- ☒ 15. Other: Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)

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